

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1 Claim 1 (currently amended): An electronic endoscope
2 system comprising:
3 an endoscope having a solid-state imaging device;
4 a signal processing unit which receives a signal
5 from the solid-state imaging device and converts the
6 signal into a video signal;
7 a detector provided in the signal processing unit,
8 the detector detecting the type of the solid-state
9 imaging device which sends the signal to the signal
10 processing unit;
11 a directing unit for providing, a switch for
12 accepting a user input to instruct signal processing by
13 the signal processing unit, a signal processing directive
14 according to a selection by an operator, the directing
15 unit having a directive displaying unit for displaying
16 contents of directives which can be selected to the
17 operator switch being provided in the electronic
18 endoscope system; and
19 a restricting portion for restricting the displaying
20 of the contents of the directives in the directive
21 displaying unit instruction, from the switch, input by a
22 user according to the result of detecting performed by
23 the detector, the restricting portion being provided in
24 the electronic endoscope system.

Claim 2 (canceled)

1 Claim 3 (original): An electronic endoscope system
2 according to Claim 1, wherein: the signal processing
3 unit includes a main board on which basic features are
4 implemented, and an expansion board which is attachable
5 or detachable to or from the main board and on which
6 extension processing is performed on an image signal
7 processed by the basic features; and the detector detects
8 whether the expansion board is present.

Claim 4 (canceled)

1 Claim 5 (currently amended): An electronic endoscope
2 system according to Claim 1, wherein the directing unit
3 further includes the restricting unit that restricts
4 processing restricts handling of a switch on the front
5 panel of the signal processing unit, and wherein the
6 restricting portion further restricts handling of the
7 switch or lighting of an LED on the front panel.

1 Claim 6 (currently amended): An electronic endoscope
2 system according to Claim 1, wherein the directing unit
3 further includes the restricting unit that restricts
4 processing restricts handling of a switch on the keyboard
5 of the signal processing unit, and wherein the
6 restricting portion further restricts handling of the
7 switch or lighting of an LED on the front panel.

1 Claim 7 (original): An electronic endoscope system
2 according to Claim 1, wherein the processing to be

3 performed by the signal processing unit is electronic
4 zooming.

1 Claim 8 (currently amended): An electronic endoscope
2 system according to Claim 1, wherein the restricting ~~unit~~
3 portion further restricts indication of a feature that
4 achieves the signal processing directive to be
5 restricted.

1 Claim 9 (currently amended): An electronic endoscope
2 system according to Claim 8, wherein the signal
3 processing directive to be restricted is enlargement
4 based on electronic zooming, and the presentation of an
5 electronic zooming magnification is restricted.

1 Claim 10 (currently amended): An electronic endoscope
2 system comprising:
3 an endoscope having a solid-state imaging device;
4 a signal processing unit which receives a signal
5 from the solid-state imaging device and converts the
6 signal into a video signal;
7 a detecting means provided in the signal processing
8 unit, for detecting the type of the solid state imaging
9 device which sends the signal to the signal processing
10 unit;
11 means, provided in the electronic endoscope system,
12 for accepting a user signal processing instruction;

13 means for providing, to the signal processing unit,
14 a signal processing directive according to a selection by
15 an operator, the means for providing a signal processing
16 directive including means for displaying contents of
17 directives which can be selected to the operator; and

18 means for a restricting the displaying of the
19 contents of directives in the means for displaying means,
20 provided in the electronic endoscope system, for
21 restricting the user signal processing instruction
22 according to the result of detecting performed by the
23 detecting means detecting means.

1 Claim 11 (new): An electronic endoscope system according
2 to Claim 1, wherein the directing unit further includes
3 an LED on the front panel, and wherein the restricting
4 portion further restricts lighting of the LED.

1 Claim 12 (new): An electronic endoscope system according
2 to Claim 1, the restricting portion displaying
3 unavailable directives in the directive displaying unit
4 in a manner that indicates such unavailability to the
5 operator.

1 Claim 13 (new): An electronic endoscope system according
2 to Claim 12, the restricting portion displaying
3 unavailable directives in the directive displaying unit
4 with hatching, thereby indicating such unavailability to
5 the operator.

1 Claim 14 (new) : An electronic endoscope system
2 comprising:

3 an endoscope having a solid-state imaging device;

4 a signal processing unit which receives a signal
5 from the solid-state imaging device and converts the
6 signal into a video signal;

7 a detector provided in the signal processing unit,
8 the detector detecting the type of the solid-state
9 imaging device which sends the signal to the signal
10 processing unit;

11 a switch for accepting a user input to instruct
12 signal processing by the signal processing unit, the
13 switch being provided in the electronic endoscope system;
14 and

15 a restricting portion for restricting the
16 instruction, from the switch, input by a user based
17 solely on the type of solid-stage imaging device detected
18 by the detector.